

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 2 and 7 are now present in the application. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 have been cancelled. Claim 2 is independent. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 7 are allowed. Applicant greatly appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Zou, U.S. Patent No. 6,550,942. Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Swarens, U.S. Patent No. 5,988,836. Claims 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zou in view of Wun, U.S. Patent No. 5,469,303. Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swarens in view of Wun. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Since claims 1, 3-6 and 8-10 have been cancelled to expedite the patent prosecution, Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections have been obviated and/or rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

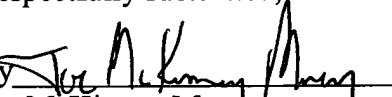
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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